

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 15, 2005

LOCATION: Brownsburg Fire Territory Headquarters
Brownsburg

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Miller (Private Ambulance)
Jane Craigin (Hospital EMS)
Michael Seaver (Emergency Nurses)
Rodney Coats (General Public)
Myron Mackey (EMTs)
Timothy R. Sandy (Volunteer Fire)
Michael Olinger, MD (Trauma Physicians)
Bill Hufford (Paramedics)
Carol Sublett (Volunteer EMS)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tim Davie (Municipal Fire)
Doyle Yeager, MD (Emergency Physicians)

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Garvey, Deputy Director
Brad Gavin, Agency Counsel
William Teegarden, Administrative Law Judge
(ALJ)

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rodney Coats. Chairman Coats expressed thanks to Chief Mike Rosemeyer and EMS Captain Daniel Chubb for the use of the facility.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Gary Miller offered a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael Olinger. The motion passed. The minutes were approved as written.

STAFF REPORTS:**EMS PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION REPORT**

First Responders certified this date:	6,384
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Emergency Medical Technicians to be certified this date:	491
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Emergency Medical Technicians currently certified:	14,548
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Emergency Medical Technicians recertified this date:	2,292
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Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians to be certified this date:	49
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Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians currently certified:	1,160
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Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians recertified this date:	252
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Paramedics to be certified this date:	63
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Paramedics currently certified:	2,504
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Paramedics recertified this date:	644
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Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate to be certified this date:	15
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Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate currently certified:	88
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Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate recertified this date:	1
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Temporary Certifications issued:

EMT-B:	6
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Advanced EMT:	0
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Paramedic:	1
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Drivers Certifications currently certified:	1147
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Dr. Olinger offered a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Carol Sublett. The motion passed.

EMS PROVIDER CERTIFICATION REPORT

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Basic-Advanced, EMT-I, Paramedic Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced, Paramedic Organization	6
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	3
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	18
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization	15
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	3
Ambulance Service Provider	95
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport	28
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	4
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Intermediate organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	3
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad	4
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	21
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization,	

EMT-Intermediate Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced, EMT-Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	7
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	49
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Advanced-Basic Organization Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	2
Ambulance Service Provider, Intermediate Organization	2
Ambulance Service Provider, Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization	33
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	4
Ambulance Service Provider, Rescue Squad	2
BLS Non-Transport Organization	289
BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad	85
Rescue Squad Organization	4
Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	12
Total Providers	720

Mr. Miller asked if there had really been such a decrease in the number of providers. EMS Operations Director Sherrie Crain responded that some issues exist with the report and that staff was researching ways to improve the report.

Bill Hufford offered a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Dr. Olinger. The motion passed.

EMS OPERATIONS REPORT

EMS Vehicle Inspections:	360
Provider/Hospital Applications Processed:	307
EMS Provider Visits:	222
EMS Provider Audits:	28
Hospital Visits:	40
Hospital Audits:	03
EMT Tests Proctored	14

Ms. Crain reported that the Medical Director Seminar was well attended and well received. She thanked Dr. Olinger, attorney Sarah Fanzini, and others who gave presentations. She also thanked Rebecca Blagrove as the lead staff support and the rest of the operations staff for their assistance in conducting the program. Ms. Crain reported that approximately 100 people attended the 8 provider forums held around the State and thanked Mr. Miller for attending as a commission member.

Ms. Crain introduced Amanda Gerdes as the new EMS secretary and welcomed her to the agency.

Ms. Crain also announced that at the next commission meeting she would be presenting a recommendation from staff regarding the use of medical devices such as Pulse Oximetry and glucose meters by BLS personnel.

EMS DATA REGISTRY

Mark Nelson reported that the database now contains 2 years of data for a total of 1,135,000 runs. Mr. Garvey reported that staff would be reviewing proposed revisions to the NHTSA Uniform PreHospital Dataset.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Advisory Committee

Steve Garrison reported that the Education Advisory Committee is making 4 recommendations to the EMS Commission:

#1 Recommend that the commission eliminate Oral Certification Examination administration at the BLS level.

Discussion – Mr. Miller asked why they were allowed in the first place. Mr. Pagano stated that a request came before the commission several years ago and the commission approved it. Mr. Garrison offered that the National Registry of EMTs has found that per ADA reading is considered to be an essential function in the job of being an EMT.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to accept the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sublett. The motion passed.

#2 Recommend that cardioversion be added to the EMT-I curriculum.

Myron Mackey offered a motion to accept the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Olinger. The motion passed.

#3 Recommend that specific concentrations be removed from the commission approved medication list for the EMT-I.

Discussion –Agency Counsel Brad Gavin mentioned that the recommendation would require a rule change and could not take effect until the rule change takes effect.

Myron Mackey offered a motion to initiate a change of rule to reflect the recommendation of the Education Committee. The motion died for a lack of a second. No action was taken.

#4 Recommend that medications be allowed to be used for any FDA approved treatment with the approval of the Provider Medical Director.

Discussion – Discussion centered on the drugs morphine and Valium. The current curriculum mentions these drugs for only specific conditions and not for all conditions where they could be appropriately used. Mr. Garvey stated that the curriculum might need to be changed. He suggested that the commission might agree with the idea and direct the Education Committee create teaching objectives.

Jane Craigin expressed concern that we may be giving too much autonomy to personnel with very limited training. She expressed concern that a person that has just received an EMT Certificate can immediately enroll in an EMT-I class. She stated that EMTs needed more experience before moving to the ALS level. Mr. Garrison responded that the committee did not want to expand the scope of practice for the EMT-I but wanted to allow the approved medications to be used for all conditions for which they were designed.

Mr. Mackey stated that the EMT-I program was brand new to the nation. There is a need for the commission to identify and clarify rather than to expand the scope of practice.

Dr. Olinger stated that, with the creation of a defined skill set, he would recommend that training be expanded to allow the use of morphine for pain in rural areas.

Ms. Sublett offered a motion to accept the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mackey. A voice vote did not clearly show a decision. On a show of hands, the motion failed with two voting "yes" and five voting "no."

Dr. Olinger asked that the Education Committee be directed to develop a training module for the use of morphine for orthopedic pain.

Tactical EMS Workgroup

District Manager Troy Morgan reported the workgroup has met one time and looks forward to making a recommendation to the commission at some future meeting

LEGAL MATTERS

Pending Administrative Cases

Agency Counsel, Brad Gavin presented a list of pending administrative cases. No action by the commission was required.

Non-Final Order of the Administrative Law Judge

Cause No. 05-05, Robert J. Bauknecht – The ALJ's order included that Mr. Bauknecht's EMT and EMT-Adv. certifications be surrendered and be reissued by the agency as probationary certifications for a period of 4 years. That he submit to a defined process for biological screenings for controlled substances. That he submit a signed affirmation from the medical director prior to working for any EMS Provider organization. And, also, that he notify the Agency of any future charges.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to affirm the Non-Final as it is written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sublett. The motion passed.

Non-Final Order of Dismissal

Administrative Cause No. 03-08, Burlington Fire Department – The ALJ's issued a Non-Final Order of Dismissal since the organization was now in compliance with reporting rules.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to affirm the Non-Final Order of Dismissal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hufford. The motion passed.

Probationary Certifications Issued

The Agency has issued the following Probationary Certificates:

Cause No. 16-2005, Mark R. Lentz, EMT No. 58958

Agency Issued Orders of Suspension

The agency has issued the following Orders of Suspension each for a period of 90 days:

Order No. 17- 2005, Michael Swafford, EMT #51246

Order No. 04-2005, Eric Davis, Paramedic #41534

Order No. 07-2005, Mark Blakley, Paramedic #17864

Order No. 15-2005, Mark Cummins, EMT #48351

Agreed Orders for Commission Review and Action

Cause No. 05-03, Stephen Schlosser, Paramedic #16783

The Agreed Order modifies the original order and revoked the suspension required in the original order pending approval by the commission. Mr. Schlosser is allowed to perform duties allowed by his EMT and paramedic certifications as authorized by the provider's medical director. All submittals required by the original order are to be sent to the agency counsel.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to approve the Agreed Order. The motion was seconded by Tim Sandy. The motion passes. Dr. Olinger abstained.

Cause No. 05-04, Shelli Bailey, EMT #39632

The Agreed Order modifies the original order and revoked the suspension required in the original order pending approval by the commission. Ms Bailey is allowed to perform duties allowed by her EMT certification as authorized by the provider's medical director. All submittals required by the original order are to be sent to the agency counsel.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to approve the Agreed Order. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sandy. The motion passes. Dr. Olinger abstained.

Renewed Emergency Orders of Suspension

The following Emergency Suspensions have been renewed:

- Order No. 11-2004, James M. Joyce, EMT #54080
- Order No. 12-2004, Christopher Nass, First Responder #FR48316
- Order No. 13-2004, Steven D. Doty, Paramedic #27591
- Order No. 14-2004, Boyce Freese, Paramedic #8217
- Order No. 15-2004, John Kulwicki, EMT #48712

Agency Issued Order

Cause No. 09-2005, Gale Evans, Paramedic #37424.

The agency has ordered that the paramedic certification be suspended for 2 years and stated that Mr. Evans may apply for a probationary certification as an EMT-Advanced during the probation period. His EMT Certification #37424 and Driver Certification #8150 are to be placed on probation for a period of 2 years.

Mr. Gavin announced that Agency Counsel Mike Sommerkamp has left the agency for other employment.

NEW BUSINESS

Indiana Association of Air Medical Services

Rex Alexander, President of the Indiana Association of Air Medical Services, announced that the Indiana chapter of the organization was formed in June. All Indiana certified air ambulance providers have become members. The goal of the organization is to become the collective voice for legislation and rules and to promote safety, communication, cooperation, and coordination among the air ambulance services.

The organization's website is www.inaams.com.

Request for Honorary EMT Certification

Mike Garvey presented a request for Honorary EMT Certification for Norma R. Edwards.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sublett. The motion passed.

EMS COMMISSION RULE WAIVER REQUESTS

Personnel Certification Waiver Request

William C. Maier, EMT-B #50685, Expires 1/1/07, a request to terminate his EMT-B certification and receive certification as an Indiana Certified First responder.

Staff's recommendation is to approve the request.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sandy. The motion passed.

Provider Waiver Requests

Switzerland County EMS, 836 IAC 2-14-3(C) (2), Certification numbers on a certified non-transport vehicle

The provider wants to place certification numbers only on the rear of the vehicle. Switzerland County EMS Director Robbie Meeks stated that the vehicle will be used as an administrative vehicle and will not be fully equipped on a 24-hour basis.

Mr. Garvey stated that staff was split on making a recommendation

Mr. Miller offered a motion to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hufford. The motion passed. The request is denied.

Carroll County EMS, modification of an existing waiver to carry Carroll County EMS's equipment on Burlington VFD ambulances. Both organizations now have the same medical director.

Staff's recommendation is to approve the request.

Mr. Miller offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Olinger. The motion passed.

American Medical Response, Evansville, 836 IAC 2-2-1(f), a renewal of a waiver regarding UHF communication equipment until Hoosier Safe-T is in place.

Staff's recommendation is to approve the request.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sublett. The motion passed.

Spencer County EMS, 836 IAC 1-12-1, a renewal of a waiver to allow Spencer County EMS personnel to administer Calcium Gluconate when needed at the AK Steel plant.

Staff's recommendation is to approve the request.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Olinger. The motion passed.

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT and DIRECTION:
2005 EMS COMMISSION MEETING DATES

Thursday, September 15 (in conjunction with annual conference)
 Friday, November 18

Mr. Garvey reported that malpractice insurance for medical directors is becoming an issue and staff is looking at possible legislative initiatives. He also reported that the National Registry will begin computer based testing January, 2007. The cost will be \$110.00 per student. It is yet to be determined if the State will pay the fee.

Mr. Garvey asked that the Education Committee be directed to reconsider the age requirement for certification as a First Responder. Chairman Coats so directed the Education Committee.

Mr. Garvey also announced that the agency was working on the draft rules for EMD. Legislation changed the compliance date to January, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.